

U.S. Constitution

Basic Principles

U.S. Government 12



In the Beginning.....

- Mayflower Compact
- Declaration of Independence
- Articles of Confederation



Constitution

- Definition of Constitution
- What does the Constitution do?
- Facts about the Constitution



5 Basic Principles

- Popular Sovereignty
- Separation of Powers
- Checks and Balances
- Limited Government
- Federalism



Popular Sovereignty

- Will of the people
- Not everyone equal
- 15th, 19th, 26th Amendments

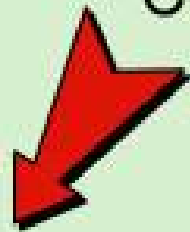


Separation of Powers

- Weak system in Articles of Confederation
- Congress makes Laws
- Executive Enacts and Administers
- Judicial Interprets and Applies



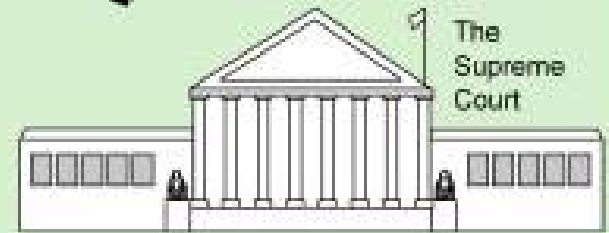
CONSTITUTION



The
U.S.
Capitol



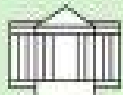
The White House



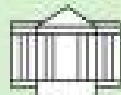
The
Supreme
Court

LEGISLATIVE

CONGRESS



HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES



SENATE

EXECUTIVE



PRESIDENT



VICE
PRESIDENT



JUDICIAL



SUPREME COURT



Checks and Balances

- Separation of Powers not sufficient
- Prevent groups from joining together
- Each branch gains some oversight



Limited Government

- Government does not hold all the power
- Officials are subject to the law
- Ties to Checks and Balances



Federalism

- Strikes balance with Liberty and Freedom
- Spreads and Splits powers
- Division between Federal and State
- Assigns responsibilities to each Level

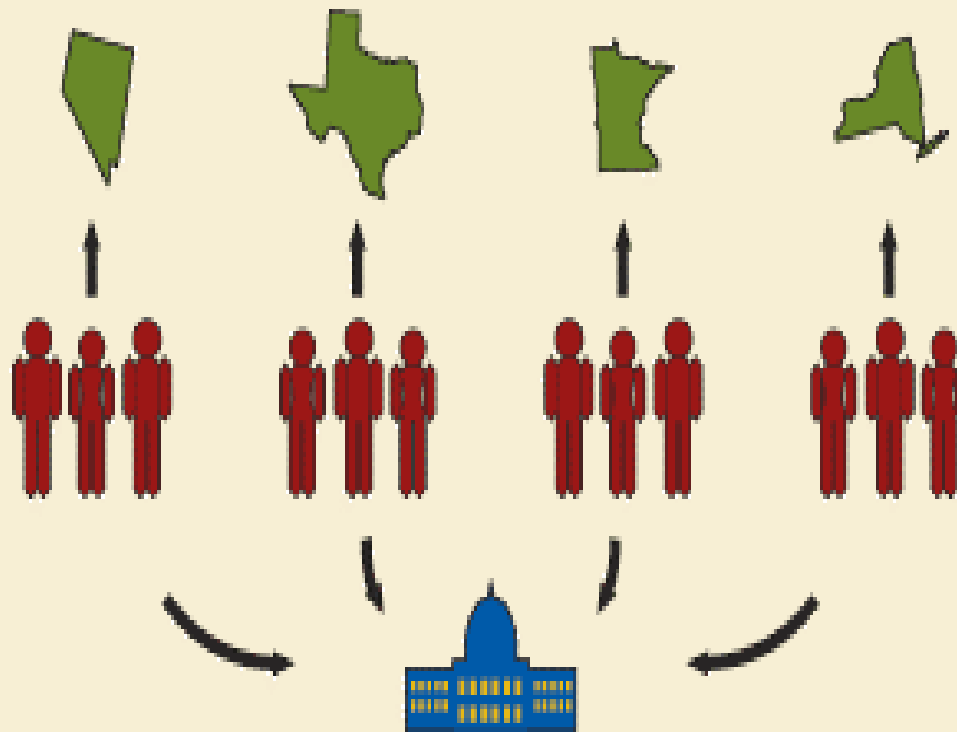


Federalism

 States  People  National Government

Federal System

Federal government
and states derive
authority from the
people



Thank you....

